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Great Elephant decides to throw a dinner party. Black Bear and Little Monkey have come to help.

They have cooked a pot of soup with bamboo shoots and eggs.





Mother Rabbit comes early with her children.  
Tasting the soup, Mother Rabbit says, "Oh! The  
soup is so bland. You must have forgotten the salt!"

Great Elephant thinks: I'll just throw in a little salt  
and the taste will be fine. And so he does, quietly  
and without trouble.



Black Bear also thinks: Just a little salt will make the soup tasty. He quietly throws in some salt, too.



Little Monkey considers the problem: Since the soup is bland, just a little salt ought to help. He also adds some salt.





Now the guests from the  
forest have arrived.

Giant Panda is the first to taste the soup and says frowning, "Oh my, it's too salty!"



Great Elephant, Black Bear and Little Monkey are shocked speechless and each thinks to himself: I only added a handful of salt, how could the soup be so salty?



# The Cocky Crab

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A crab creeps into the yard. The little cat finds it interesting and pets it. The crab pinches her with its claws.





The little cat is frightened away.

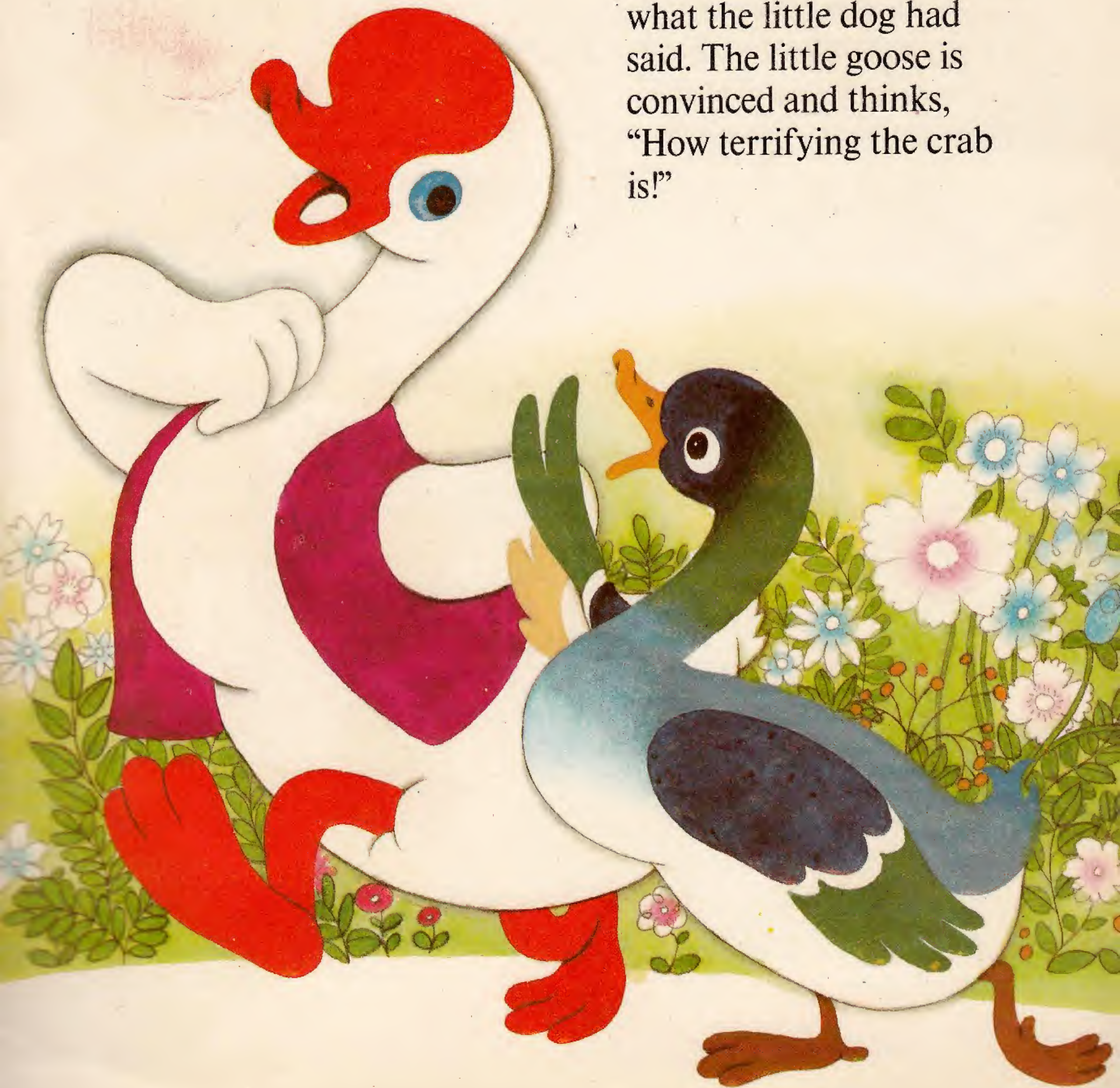


The little cat sees the little dog and says, "The crab pinched me and it was so frightening. You'd better not offend it." The little dog notices that the cat's paw is already swollen.

The little dog meets the  
little duck and says, "The  
crab bites and is really  
terrifying. It bit the little  
cat's paw which is now  
swollen."



The little duck then meets  
the little goose and tells her  
what the little dog had  
said. The little goose is  
convinced and thinks,  
“How terrifying the crab  
is!”





And so the message is  
passed, back and forth,  
making all of them afraid  
of the crab.



The crab becomes very  
cocky and crawls around  
everywhere, shouting all  
the time, "Out of the way!  
Out of the way!"



The little rooster is very bold. He pecks the crab several times and frightens it away.





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